UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RICHARD STANTON (as trustee for Ashley Stanton) on behalf of himself and all others simi-

larly situated, : 08 CV 3054 (LAP)

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

VS.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. and : MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER &

SMITH INCORPORATED,

Defendants. :

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Please take notice that the undersigned of the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate,

Meagher & Flom LLP is hereby entering an appearance as counsel of record for Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

Dated: New York, New York

April 1, 2008

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